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At the outset, Japan would like to thank to the Secretariat for facilitating the work of this Working Group and its comprehensive presentation on reporting.

Japan attaches great importance to transparency in the international transfer of conventional arms. Transparency is a key objective of the ATT, it also serves to build confidence among states and contribute to international and regional peace, security and stability. Regular submission of ATT reports is vital to promoting greater transparency and responsible action in the international conventional arms trade.

Japan continues to submit its annual reports on time, mostly using the online reporting tool. In order to collect accurate and concrete information while preparing this annual report, prior consultations and interagency coordination with relevant domestic authorities are essential. While Japan shares concern about the low rate of compliance on reporting, we also understand challenges to reporting due to complexities in administrative and legal systems. It is also true that interagency coordination is not always easy.

In this regard, Japan encourages States Parties facing such challenges to make the most of the VTF framework, where appropriate, as a valuable tool for building national capacities for reporting.

Lastly, Japan would like to call on all States Parties to fulfil their reporting obligations on time, which will help promote transparency in conventional arms transfers.

Thank you.